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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

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| rec | e amendment document filed on <u>14 May 2007</u> is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the uirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following n(s) is required.   |    |
| Tŀ  | E FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:  1. Amendments to the specification:  A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  C. Other  |    |
|     | <ul> <li>2. Abstract:</li> <li>A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.</li> <li>B. Other</li> </ul>  |    |
|     | <ul> <li>3. Amendments to the drawings:</li> <li>A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).</li> <li>B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.</li> <li>C. Other</li> </ul>  |    |
|     | <ul> <li>□ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.</li> <li>□ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)</li> <li>□ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).</li> <li>□ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.</li> <li>□ E. Other: see continuation sheet.</li> </ul> | ,  |
|     | 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):   |    |
| Fo  | further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.   |    |
| TIN | IE PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:   |    |
| 1.  | Applicant is given <b>no new time period</b> if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the <b>entire corrected amendment</b> must be resubmitted.   | nt |
| 2.  | Applicant is given <b>one month</b> , or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a <i>Quayle</i> action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the <b>corrected section</b> of th non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.   |    |
|     | Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.   |    |
|     | Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:  Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment  |    |

filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or **Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

1. The amendment document filed on May 14, 2007 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, June 30, 2003).

The amendment document is non-compliant because the text of all claims being currently amended must be presented in the claim listing with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended claim must be shown by underlining (for added matter) or strikethrough (for deleted matter) with 2 exceptions (1) for deletion of five characters or fewer, double brackets may by used; and is strikethrough cannot be easily perceived.

- 2. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h)
- 3. Since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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## Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Chevalier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1490. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye, can be reached on (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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